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Applicant: Dekang Lin and Patrick Pantel.
Title: Discovery of Inference Rules from Text
Art unit: ~~2654~~ **2626**
Examiner: Shortledge, T.
Filed: April 5, 2001

This is in response to the official action dated April 19, 2006.

INTERVIEW

The applicants have requested an interview, but were invited to respond in writing before requesting an interview. If the examiner does not consider the argument presented to explain the difference between the cited reference and the claims, then applicants request a telephone interview with the examiner, which may be arranged by contacting the undersigned at the number indicated at the end of this response.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 -6 and 14-16 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Richardson et al. Claims 7 and 9-13 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Richardson et al as applied to claim 1 and further in view of the applicants' prior art. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Richardson et al as applied to claim 1 and further in view of the applicants' prior art and further in view of Zadrozny et al. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Richardson et al does not teach: "generating a database of inference rules comprising pairs of